

work with him if he sees any particular defects. I think I can counter a lot of his charges but if there are specific procedural defects in them, I am willing to work it out, do it, bring it to the floor in that manner. At the time I talked with him last year, Senator Chambers said, well, I wouldn't...I would like to work with you but if I do that, I'm just going to make the bill better and I'm afraid that it will get out and pass. Well, that may be a legitimate reason to do it, I guess, because the concept is good.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: The concept of the bill is good. It's worthwhile. It's reasonable. If, in fact, it is advanced to the floor, I will guarantee you we will not come up here and discuss amendment and amendment on the floor if I can help it. I will work with Senator Chambers, Senator Chizek, we will work through it, come to you with a full set of amendments and either vote the bill up or down. This has been passed I think in about six to eight states now; been passed by California, passed by Louisiana, passed by Alabama, passed by Oklahoma, passed by Texas. I think it's passed in Ohio. I think it is going to pass in Michigan. It's been introduced in numerous other states. It is not the so-called bad legislation, as Senator Chambers characterizes it. It hasn't had the tremendous negative effects in the other states.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I think if it is passed in this state, it will protect the athletes here and that is our main concern, to protect the athletes. Is my time up?

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you. I would ask for a call of the house to vote on this.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 2 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Will you please record